

SENATE RESOLUTION 214

By McNally

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Harry Eugene Patton,
Sr., of Clinton.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Harry Eugene Patton, Sr.; and

WHEREAS, Harry Patton was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, a deeply admired, longtime civic leader in Tennessee, Mr. Patton served with acumen and alacrity as a councilman and mayor for the City of Clinton and ably represented the interests of communities statewide as a member of the Tennessee Municipal League; and

WHEREAS, a gentleman very much in touch with the concerns of his community, Harry Patton proudly represented Ward 3 on the Clinton City Council and briefly served as mayor in 2001, after the passing of Mayor Frank Diggs; and

WHEREAS, he was a member of the Clinton City Council that oversaw the emergence of the Green McAdoo Cultural Center as a focal point in the city's self-recognition for its part in the Civil Rights movement and as a state leader in desegregation, an era that he had personally lived through as a young man in Clinton; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Patton was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Harry Patton enjoyed the loving companionship of his beloved wife, Ann;
and

WHEREAS, Harry Patton leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor the memory of Harry Eugene Patton, Sr., reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Patton.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.